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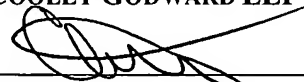
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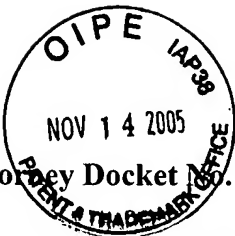
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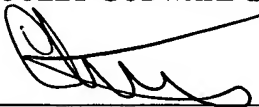
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	C3	Design Patent Application No. 29/201,175 entitled "Ear Warmer Having an External Frame", filed on March 12, 2004.		
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